

Confirmation about the facts of political persecution of
Boris Nicolaevici Munteanu,
to be presented to necessary place

Description of the cause

Political persecution of Mr. Boris Munteanu (born in 1952, nationality Romany, citizen of Ukraine).

This is demonstrated that on 31 of March 2001 at about 16.40 , Mr. Boris Munteanu together with a volunteer (Semeshina Victoria, student, IV year at Philology Department of National University of Odessa, Ukraine) of Regional Congress of Romanys in Odessa were near his home, when at the intersection of streets Crasnolobodscaia with Lomonosov two unknown people approached them. Both of them were of the same age, 35-28 years, 1.80 m height. One of them stopped in front of Boris Munteanu, another stopped behind him over the left shoulder. The person in front asked him: "Are you the President of the regional Congress of Romanys from Odessa?, with an aggressive face – we warned you many times to stop doing these activities!" Boris Munteanu (BM) asked what kind of activities and the answer was: "Social policy with **your gipsies**". Then BM asked them to show some ID and who they represent. The second person said: "he doesn't understand and he doesn't want to!". After that he hit BM in the head with the fist. BM fainted and fell down, and when he regained his consciousness he felt how they are hitting him with the feet. **(art. 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was violated; European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Liberties from 1950, art. 3 "Prohibition of torture")**. After that BM heard how one of them said: "This is the final warning, after that more severe measures will be taken" and they ran. In a while the volunteer Semeshina, who got lost, approached BM and took him to his house. BM's wife took him to the police department "Iliciovsc" of Odessa. Together with them was Victoria Semeshina, too. At the police department they were questioned by the investigator (**police lieutenant, age 35-40 years, male**) that gave him some questions, including this one: "what do you think, who could do this to you?". BM answered: "I cooperate with many people, with friends and how I can see with enemies, too". The next question was: "what did enemies do?" and BM answered: "Threats began on 6th of April 2000, before the conference of reelecting when to strangers approached them near Britain Center (Dvoreanscaia str. 2) and told him: " Doctor, you should heal people not to make politics" and after that threats were done by phone, but I didn't think that it could go that far". Then the investigator said that they don't deal with cases with politics. **(art. 7 and art.8 of UDHR were violated; art.4, art.5**

point a and c , art. 3 art.12 and art. 13 of the Convention against torture, another ways of humiliation, art.6 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)). After that the wife of BM was interrogated. How BM said the volunteer Victoria Semeshina was never questioned, even she was the witness of the incident. **(art. 6 p.3(d) of ECHR was violated; and UDHR art. 10)**. From the police Dept. he went to certify the injuries. But BM was hospitalized on 1st of April after the accident. Meanwhile on 2nd of April he went to forensic doctor that requested some medical documents (the conclusion of the surgeon, of the neurologist, x-rays that were presented later).

On 6th of April BM received a letter from the vice-president of Leninscovo Police Department of Odessa Mr. Gaida D.V., which said that the request to open a criminal case is rejected according to art.6 p.2 (lack of corpus delicti) of Criminal Code of Ukraine. The examination of your complaint will be done after the certificate of forensic expertise will be ready according to art.97 of the Criminal Code.

Being signed by Gaida D.V., registered on 06.04.2001, with the number 31/20-740 **(art. 7 and 8 of UDHR and art.6 of ECHR, art. 2 p.1, art.4, art.5 p.b, art.6 p.1,2 of the Convention against torture were violated)**

On 27th of April 2001, BM asked for the results of forensic expertise or at least to read it, but the doctors refused to give it, saying that the results will be sent to the investigator, where BM can read it. The same day BM went to the Police Department. He was told that the case is not with them, but is with district inspector, but he is ill. Second day, BM met the inspector, passing by the Police Department and asked if he has the results of the forensic expertise. By the answer of the inspector, BM understood that he does not have any results.

On 22nd of April, BM got a letter from the President of the Interregional Association of Romanys from Balta, Mr. Doloco Alexandr Nicolaevici. This letter said that on 20th of April, Mrs. Belova Tatiana Anatolievna, vice-president of the Directorate for migration and nationalities of Regional State Administration from Odessa removed Mr. BM from his position at the Congress of Romanys from Odessa.

On 3rd of May, he was again threatened by phone, and this time his family (wife and children) were threatened.

All this information was delivered by Boris Nicolaevici Munteanu, submitting all the necessary documents that prove that all said is true, and BM says that this incident is linked with his activity he deploys in the region of Odessa and his position in the Congress of Romanys from Odessa.

Recommendations:

On the ground of these facts, I recommend International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations:

1. To make an investigation on the case of "political persecution" of Mr. Boris Nicolaevici Munteanu, being a well-known leader of Romanys in Odessa, and the president of the Congress of Romanys from Odessa, one of the most active organizations in the field of Protection of Human Rights of Romanys and other National Minorities from the south-eastern region of Ukraine.

2. To provide to Mr. Boris Munteanu and to his family legal security, where ever he goes, according to Convention against torture (art.3 p.1).
3. To offer to BM a help to promote the respect and integration in the civilized and human society of Roman population, being one of the principles of activity of United Nations Organization, Council of Europe and other international organizations.

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